

Kendall Co. Only Collar County Opposing 2 Cent Per Mile Tax

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After soliciting input from his fellow Kendall County Board members at Tuesday night's meeting, Chairman Scott Gryder said he will vote against implementation of a Vehicle Mileage Tax (VMT) in the seven-county Chicago metropolitan area.

The VMT is part of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's (CMAP) "On to 2050 Comprehensive Regional Plan," which will raise money for needed infrastructure repairs in the seven counties.

CMAP is holding a vote on the VMT on October 10, and then a celebration of passage of the plan will be held.

The two cents per mile VMT tax would replace the Motor Fuel Tax and would impact motorists in the seven-county Chicago metropolitan area.

A device would be put in all vehicles in the seven counties, and that device would measure how many miles are driven. Motorists would then be taxed.

Gryder said that Kendall Co. is the only collar county opposing the Vehicle Mileage Tax.

Proponents of the VMT want to repeal the Motor Fuel Tax. Gryder explained why.

The State of Oregon is close to implementing a state-wide Vehicle Mileage Tax.

At Tuesday night's Kendall County Forest Preserve Commission meeting, commissioners voted unanimously to authorize Director David Guritz to enter into an agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Illinois State Historic Preservation Officer regarding demolition of the historic Millbrook Bridge over the Fox River.

Commissioner Bob Davidson was concerned about the bridge being demolished while still spanning the river rather than using a crane to move the bridge to the river bank and disassembling it there.

Forest Preserve Director Guritz said the bridge demolition will take place in August or September of next year.

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